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S. 571

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. JUSTICE, and Mr. LANKFORD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Officer John Barnes
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION.**

7 Section 1205 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control
8 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10285) is amend-
9 ed by adding at the end the following:

1 “(f) Not later than 270 calendar days after receiving
2 a claim filed under this subpart, the Bureau shall inform
3 the claimant of the Bureau’s determination as to the
4 claimant’s benefit eligibility.”.

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